

Remarks

In the Office Action dated March 5, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 37-39 and 56-59 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by the U.S. Patent to Coulter 4,578,554. The Examiner rejected claims 38-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by the U.S. Patent to Sasnett 4,760,583. The Examiner allowed claims 31-36 and 41-55.

By this Amendment, Applicants' Attorney has cancelled all the rejected claims. Consequently, in view of the above and in the absence of better art Applicants' Attorney respectfully submits the application is in condition for allowance which allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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